

Book review

Difficult medical management. By R B Taylor. (pp 729. £47.00). Philadelphia: W B Saunders Company, 1991.

This book considers a series of acute and chronic medical management problems. Separate chapters on each topic give some essential background information before concentrating on therapeutic options. Some are dealt with in quite a didactic fashion, others enter into broader discussion. The chapters I read were clear and informative. Some bits of pharmacology were difficult to translate from US to UK practice. On a few occasions treatments suggested are a little surprising reflecting also different practice across the Atlantic. The difficulty with this book, however, is in deciding who in the British Isles will wish to buy and read it. For hospital physicians, who have chosen the difficult and often ill understood role of maintaining a general interest in internal medicine, there is much that is useful and interesting. But even the most broadly based hospital physician will find this book rather too wide ranging with its coverage of some paediatric and psychiatric issues. On the other hand most family practitioners in this country (and it is their counterparts in the USA for whom this book is mostly intended) will find the orientation too much towards hospital practice.

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CORRECTION : Behçet's disease presenting with mononeuritis multiplex.
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The correct spelling of Dr Behçet's name is as given: the spelling Beçhet as printed in the *Ulster Medical Journal* 59, October 1990 was an editorial error.
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